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A WELL-TIMED APOLOGY

"To be sure," says the Republic, "wool was free in the Wilson bill, but the Wilson bill had a lot of things that won't be found in the Democratic tariff legislation of the future." But an acknowledgment of past failure is no assurance that the Democratic party is better qualified than in 1894 to make a tariff. It had at that time control of all branches of the government. For the only time in the last fifty years the people had given the party full power to act. It proceeded to pass the Wilson tariff law, which became identified with a long period of business calamity. The people, alarmed as well as disgusted, elected a Republican House in 1894, and continued to do it until 1906, when through a Republican failure to vote, a Democratic House came in. Though the other branches are not Democratic the new House is engaged in tariff ripping, in order as it imagines, to make party capital for 1912. It denounces protection and yet it is pusillanimous in what it is doing for free trade.

The promise that the next Democratic tariff, if the party gets a chance to make one, will be different from the Wilson law, is simply a promise intended to offset a notorious fizzle in legislation. Promises from such a source are cheap. New enterprises in the United States are halted because the country fears another period of incompetency, dull times lack of employment and general suspension of confidence. A Democratic organ that, in referring to the future, begins with the statement that the Wilson law will not be repeated, admits much more than it intended. The Democratic era of the Wilson law was a catastrophe. But it also stands as the latest sample of what happens when the Democratic party gets national control. No beggar on horseback ever rode to his destination more surely and promptly.—Globe Democrat.

A STEP BACKWARD

Those who give intelligent thought to the relations, present and prospective, between Cuba and the United States will certainly deplore the action of the Cuban house in putting an end to the teaching of English in the Cuban schools. From whatever standpoint this action was taken, it was more than unwise, so far as it concerns the future prosperity of the island. If political animosity dictated it, the case is one of Cuba cutting off her nose to spite her face, for the results cannot be detrimental to the interests of this country save as those interests are adversely affected by a step that works injury to the prosperity of Cuba.

This country is enlarging every year the opportunities of American students for the study of the Spanish language realizing the increasing intimacy, commercial and otherwise between the United States and the other countries of the Western hemisphere. It is short sighted at least for a Spanish-speaking country to refuse to meet this policy half way by supplementing the instruction of American students in Spanish with the instruction of Spanish in English. Cuba needs to take forward and not backward steps. Possibly the ill advised measure will not become a law. Far-seeing Cubans would be advancing their country's best interests by preventing this final step.

It is our observation that a fly trap in operation is as much of a horror as the flies.



PURSUIT OF THE UNATTAINABLE

After consulting with each other at a summer gathering the Democratic editors of Missouri have concluded that the great need of the party in the state is harmony, and they propose to hold a meeting early in the fall to promote this object, especially it was urged that the party managers should concentrate on a candidate for Governor and avoid the friction of a general contest for the nomination. Democratic politicians in Missouri are fond of harmony, provided the particular faction in which they are concerned bosses the job. The editors at the conference insisted that the party prospects are a sure thing, and yet discussed plans to "redeem the state," a phrase the Democrats of Missouri considered humorous until the Republican majority in the state in 1908 and 1910 followed the phenomenon of 1904. Twice in succession the electoral vote of Missouri has figured on the Republican side. Last year was not a good one for the Republican party in general, but Missouri was the conspicuous exception.

It may be cruel to remind the Democratic editors of Missouri that the candidate for Governor will be named at the state primary to be held next August, and that it may not be easy to forestall the judgment of individual members of the party. Numerous Democrats aspire to be governor. Two are mentioned for president. The only practical way to arrive at what is called harmony is to eliminate the rivalry, giving those who withdraw from the race "something equally as good." Several of the candidates may possibly be tolled off with Chautauqua engagements. For the most part the inducements offered will have to be some other office. After all this preliminary fine management the privates in the rear rank may do as they please. The problem the Democratic editors have tackled is this: How can the ticket be nominated in advance of the state primary?—Globe-Democrat.

AN ENDLESS CHAIN OF FREE-TRADE

The gentlemen in Congress who delight to tinker with the Tariff are now devoting their attention to what they are pleased to call a "Farmers' Free List." Having advocated Canadian reciprocity to bring down the price of living by subjecting the farmer of the United States to free competition with the products of Canada, thereby injuring the farmer's occupation, the farmer having a vote which amounts to something in the election of Congressmen, something therefore must be done to pacify the farmer vote, hence more Tariff tinkering to get up a free list that will appeal directly to the heart of the farmer and cause him to sustain the reciprocity freak. It would appear that Congress is now in the specialty of class legislation. First, it is proposed to take the duty off importations of farm products, so that farm products can be bought cheaper; then to take the duty off other than farmer's products, so that the farmer may buy cheaper. In a nutshell this shows how rapidly the Tariff tinkers are trying to carry us all to Free-Trade. Here is the recipe: Take each occupation in turn, subject to free competition with foreign articles, and as fast as one class is hurt thereby make peace with it (if possible) by giving it a balm at the expense of some other occupation. Ultimate Free-Trade will ensue, industries of the United States be demoralized or ruined, the national treasury will be empty, and then we can have direct taxation for the expenses of running the government, and a fine time trying to get money enough to live on, let alone the matter of paying taxes to Uncle

ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED EVERYWHERE

Why kick about the heat it is only a seasoning for the world to come.

If Burbank could just develop a variety of corn that would mature without rain what a boon it would be for Kansas.

Diaz says he will never return to Mexico unless called to defend his country from a foreign foe. He will probably never return.

"The Big Gasbag to Be Here Next Week" is a headline in the Topeka Capital. Where has the governor been?—The Journal.

Somebody is stirring up the joint-ists in Chanute. It seems a pity to molest these law breakers when all they ask is just to be let alone.

With all its wickedness New York is constantly striving for the higher life. Another twenty-four story hotel is to be constructed there.

The Canadian government would not be guilty of drawing the color line but she does not think her cold climate desirable for the Oklahoma negro.

Why is it that after a person has held an appointive position for a number of years he thinks he owns the place and that no one else has any claims?

There is here and there a vocation in which no law can limit the number of hours applied to it, if those engaged please to have it so; and the newspaper business is one.

Some boys went to the river fishing, Saturday morning. They made a nice catch and strung their fish on a line. About 3 o'clock they started home. When they reached home they found they were cooked to a turn, the fish, not the boys.

The illness which attacked William Allen White at Lincoln, Neb., was possibly the result of a sudden realization that he was as near to Bryan politically as he was physically, notwithstanding his Republican rearing.—Kansas City Journal

Sam's cold-blooded direct tax collectors. Is the reciprocity and Free-Trade folly going ahead or will the United States Senate put a stop to it now, as it has an opportunity to do, before further damage is done?—Clarinda (La.) Journal.

M. K. & T. to Build

The contract for the construction of a new station here has been let by the Missouri, Kansas & Texas railroad. News of this effect has been received by B. D. Bownell, the local agent. It came in an official letter from headquarters.

The building is to be 127 feet 6 inches long. It will be on the north side of Main street, across from the present structure, which the system has been using here from the time it started running trains into this city.

Exactly how soon work will begin is not known. It is presumed, however, that it will not be long, and that in a short time a gang of civil engineers will come here from the Parsons offices to make surveys.

July 1 is the beginning of the fiscal year with railroad systems. The appropriation for the building will probably become available then, and that is not long to wait.

The company will spend several thousand dollars here rearranging its yards. The "house" track, which runs west of the present station, will have to be moved north of Main street to make room for the new building.

Home Again

Dan Bloomheart and his niece, Zella Bloomheart, attended the big National convention of the Retailers' association in Denver, last week.

Dan enjoyed the trip hugely. Ask him about it. Ask him if he wants to take another trip 4000 feet up the precipitous sides of a mountain in a bucket. The few hairs on the top of Dan's head have hardly got their natural level yet. Dan says the Denverites are great entertainers. The know how to make their guests feel at home and are not afraid of expenses.

The business of making money is being superseded by telling how it was done.

Summer just fairly started, and still we have had two months of it already.

Uncle Sam is making it a little warm for lumbermen in the investigation of the trust.

The thunderstorms that have visited this locality lately have been a little long on thunder and considerably short on rain. And we didn't really need the thunder.

The hotel keepers of London are complaining that they are not getting enough patronage out of the coronation crowds. Guess, the American tourists must be boarding themselves.

For some reason the advice of Billy Bryan don't seem to have much weight with the Democrats any more. He and the so called progressives seem to have got too close together.

Dry weather still prevails in this locality. The corn is standing it very well so far but will have to have rain soon or be seriously damaged. Pastures are drying up and water getting scarce.

Nicholas Longworth says sometimes he would rather be a cow than a congressman. A creditable admission. A good cow is worth much more to society than the average congressman.

Some of the retired teachers at the State Normal school are inclined to kick and make things warm for Pres. Hill. If they will but go over to Pittsburg they can get lots of sympathy and some pointers.

The more one hears of conditions in Mexico the more he feels like congratulating Porfirio Diaz on being safely out of it. Instead of ending with the overthrow of Diaz, trouble seems to be only well started in that country.

TRY IT NOW

Farmers, the best cultivator you can use in a dry time is an old mower-wheel. Tie a wire or piece of chain to the rim and hitch a horse to it and drag it between the corn rows. It pulverizes the clods, levels the ground and creates a dirt mulch that causes the moisture to rise from below. We know this to be a good thing in dry time for we have seen it used and lately we notice it is being mentioned in the agricultural papers. The mower wheel leaves the ground like it had been rolled.

Why not try it. If this dry spell continues much longer the corn crop will be seriously hurt and we know this plan is a great help in a dry time.

Mrs. A. J. Hudson Dead

Mrs. A. J. Hudson died at her home, on 1128 South Highland avenue, Saturday morning. She had been failing in health for the past two years, yet her death came somewhat as a surprise to the family, for she had been much better lately. The physicians attribute the cause of her death to a general breakdown.

Mrs. Hudson was 65 years old and had been a resident of Chanute for over nine years. She had many friends in Chanute and Galesburg, to whom the news of her death came as a great shock. She is survived by a husband, and ten children.

The funeral services were held in Galesburg Monday morning. Rev. H. G. Mathis conducted the services. Burial was made in the Galesburg cemetery.

Wedding in Pittsburg

Mr. Ray Rosier and Miss Gay Van Arsdale were married in Pittsburg, Wednesday morning. Both these worthy young people were formerly residents of Chanute and were well favorably known here.

They will live in Kansas City where Mr. Rosier has a good job.

SPANISH WAR VETERANS

In point of years the soldiers of the Spanish war, who met in the state encampment at St. Louis, last Monday, are not veterans, but they are entitled to the honored name in many other respects. They represent the volunteer spirit that has carried every war of the United States to a successful issue, and illustrate the best characteristics of the citizen soldiery that is now, as always, the main military reliance of this country when involved in war. The soldiers of 1898 are for the most part in the early prime of life, and form an important reserve though distributed throughout the states in peaceful vocations, as they were before the clash of arms with Spain. Many of the American troops raised at that time saw little of active service, but a faithful soldier cannot be estimated by such a test. He yields obedience to orders whatever the circumstances may be, and offers his life according to the judgment of those in command. He must meet any form of emergency that may arise. The moment a volunteer takes the oath of enlistment he has offered the supreme sacrifice.

One phase of the war with Spain, that connected with the Philippines, was more difficult and trying than the country has yet appreciated. The climate was peculiarly trying and many of the marches exhausting. There was savage treachery to guard against and the surroundings generally were depressingly un-American. What the soldiers thought of the Philippines is shown by the extent to which they have kept away from them since the musters out. There are opportunities in the archipelago, but not to the liking of the volunteers who performed their full duty there with a sense that patient fortitude was one of the main requirements. The war was begun with scarcely any knowledge that the Philippines existed. They took the form of an unwelcome necessity, but the American soldier faced the responsibility with his usual indomitable grit. Let no one speak lightly of the services of the veterans of the Spanish war. They are up to the best standard in every essential point.—Globe Democrat.

Prayer for rain is fully as effective as prophesying it—only keep it up.

Got the Wrong Men

As Frank Hird and Wm. Mundy were going home, last Friday night they were followed by three foot-pads who finally drew revolvers and demanded money. Hird and Mundy immediately tackled the fellows and made a rough house on short order. Two of the fellows got away but the boys mauled and kicked the other till he begged for mercy.

If a few more of such characters received treatment of this kind they would not be quite so free with their gun plays.

Byron Shinn in Chicago

Byron Shinn went to Chicago, Wednesday to attend the convention of the Phi Alpha Delta law fraternity, of which he is a member at the state university. The banquet will be held in the La Salle hotel Saturday night. Judge Hudson Harmon, governor of Ohio and Woodrow Wilson, governor of New Jersey, will be the principal speakers. Mr. Shinn goes as the delegate from the Green chapter of the fraternity, located at Lawrence.

Gasoline Almost Fatal

Kenneth Vaughn, the 3 year-old nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Lucas of 723 South Evergreen, finding a small bottle of gasoline proceeded to drink it. As a result the little lad became very sick and his condition was serious for several days.

He drank the gasoline last Friday and the physician was somewhat doubtful about his recovery for some time. He is getting along nicely at present.

Mrs. Vaughn and Kenneth are visiting here from Birmingham, N. Y.

THE AMERICAN "CORONATION"

The American people had a little "coronation" of their own last Monday when they united in enthusiastic felicitation of President and Mrs. Taft on the occasion of their silver wedding anniversary. While the official celebration was, of course, merely a private social function, notwithstanding the large number of invitations issued, nevertheless the good people of the entire country join in extending their heartiest congratulations and from every state in the Union have come, not only costly gifts from individuals and organizations of all sorts and conditions, but thousands of private letters and telegrams, all expressing the most cordial good will.

The celebration at the White House was on a scale of unprecedented elaborateness, but, as President Taft is quoted as remarking, he will observe but one silver wedding anniversary during his whole life and it behooves him to make the occasion notable. Incidentally, or coincidentally, not the least interesting and American fact connected with the affair is that it falls on the anniversary of the battle of Buller Hill, that auspicious and patriotic date having been chosen for the union of the young lawyer and his long-time sweetheart. The young lawyer undoubtedly never dreamed that he would be president of the United States twenty-five years after he became a benedict, and it is at least possible that he would not have attained that great office but for the encouragement and assistance contributed by the faithful companion of his life's journey. It is well known that the president's tastes have not been for the hurly-burly of official life in its more strenuous aspects and it is doubtful if he ever looked higher than the seat on the supreme bench which was his for the accepting. A laudable ambition, however, is generally credited with having induced Judge Taft to lay aside the dream of the judicial peace for the forum and arena of national politics through which he passed to the presidency.

At any rate, speculations aside, the "coronation" of the first citizen of the republic with the "silver crown" of twenty-five years of happy wedded life takes precedence in the regard of the American people over all the glamor of the crowning of any other ruler, prince or potentate of the earth. William Howard Taft "rules" because the people called him from private life to wield the supreme executive power, and he has amply vindicated the wisdom of the call.—Kansas City Journal.

FIRE IN FREDONIA

Early Tuesday morning a fire broke out in Fredonia that destroyed the new Christian church, a blacksmith shop and a business house.

The origin of the fire is not positively known but it is supposed to have started from the blacksmith shop. The church damage to the amount of about \$3,000, covered by insurance. The furniture was destroyed. It was insured for about half its value. The other buildings were uninsured.

The Austin Bridge

There is now a good substantial bridge across the river at Austin. The approaches have been completed and the structure is ready for use. This bridge will be a great convenience to the public and has been long needed. It is just above the 11 a.m.

